(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken against them and to ensure that such cases do not recur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

New Surface Transport Policy

2380. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a new surface transport policy, if so, what are the details thereof: and

(b) by when the new surface transport policy is likely to be adopted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Surface Transport consists of activities relating to shiping, road, road transport, port and inland water transport. Hence no one common policy has been formulated to cover all these sectors.

There is at present no proposal before Government to evolve a new Policy on shipping in the country, However, Planning Commission have constituted Planning Groups on Shipping and Ports under the Chairmanship of the Chairman Shipping Corporation of India and Secretary, Surface Transport respectively in connection with the formulation of a long term perspective plan for Transport Sector on an integrated basis. The main task of the Planning Group will be to prepare a long term plan for shipping for overseas as well as coastal trade based upon sound technical and economic considerations in the time perspective of year 2000 AD.

To examine the existing legal framework governing the administration of the major ports in the country, their operations including cargo handling financial and adminisrative systems and need for integrated and coordinated planning and development Major Ports Administrative Reforms Committee has been set up in January, 1984. The Committee has submitted its interim report in October, 1985 which is under consideration. The Committee's final report is awaited.

To meet the modern day requirements and also keeping in view consideration of Road safety and pollution control, comprehensive amendments to the Motor Vehicles Act is already under consideration. Proposals include liberalisation of permit system, allocation of multiplicity of permits for goods vehicles elimination of cumbersome procedures, revision of all India tourist permit scheme, simplified system for compensation in accident cases etc.

To facilitate smooth movement of growing inter-state roads traffic on the recommendations of the Transport Development Council, quota system in national permits has, recently, been abolished.

Inland Water Transport Authority Act as already been enacted and action is being initiated for setting up of the Inland Water Transport Authority. Action has also been initiated for the implementation of Pilot Project on Allahabad-Patna stretch of the National Waterway No. 1.

Ticketless travel by the delegates to the Congress Centenary Celebrations

2381. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Congress (I) delegates who came to attend the Congress Centenary Celebrations at Bombay travelled ticketless on their way back from Bombay as reported in a section of the press; and